RAILWAYS.

(Nos. 310 to 325.)

SUBJECT No. 310.

A railway line from Nanjangud to Erode.

Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that a railway may be opened from Nanjangud to Erode.

Mr. Venkatasamiah.—The construction of the line as far as Chamrajnagar may be taken up as early as possible.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 311.

A railway line between Mysore and Tellicherry.

(*a*) Mr. H. R. Tiruvengadasami Mudaliar, Hunsur Municipality.
(*b*) Messrs. H. C. Subba Rao, and Chendrasekhara Upadhyaru, Hunsur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that a railway line may be opened (*a*) from Mysore to Tellicherry *viâ* Mercara and (*b*) a branch line from Chunchinkatte to Coorg, and Fraserpet *viâ* Bettadapur.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 312.

A railway line between Mysore and Arsikere *via* Hole-Narsipur and Hassan.

Messrs. H. V. Rangaswami and all the members of the Hassan District, C. Narasimhaiya, Mysore District Board and Hiriyannappa, Yedatore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The public of the Hassan district and a part of the Mysore district learn with great concern that the proposed Arsikere-Mysore railway line is about to be given up and an alternative line from Seringapatam to Konehalli is being more favourably considered. The line as originally proposed, *i.e.*, Arsikere-Mysore *viâ* Hole-Narsipur and Hassan would be better paying, more convenient, and highly beneficial. The alternative line proposed would tap no really new traffic and would be of little utility.

This was considered along with subject No. 314.

SUBJECT No. 313.

Railway through the Hassan District.

Mr. S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

Summary of discussion.—Any new railway line through the Hassan district ought to be easily accessible from all parts of the district.

Reply of Government.—Mr. Venkatesiah as spokesman pressed the subject on behalf of the people of the Hassan District. The alternative line proposed—Seringapatam-Konehalli would affect the eventual Arsikere-Mangalore line which is admitted on all hands as necessary, and which the Government said had not been lost sight of. Three Railway experts had already pronounced themselves in favour of the Mysore-Hassan-Arsikere line, and there is no reason why the single opinion of the expert now obtained should carry the day. Even if Hassan is connected with Arsikere by a narrow gauge line, it will not answer the purpose, as the traffic will be seriously affected by break of gauge.

Messrs. S. Ramanna, K. Ramanna, Dasappa, Venkatramiah and some others supported Mr. Venkatesiah.